29th January 1929]

Recovery of excess expenditure by the Chairman, Chidambaram Municipal Council.

*1131-D Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government on the resolution of the municipal council, dated 31st August 1928, refusing to sanction Rs. 1,191-7-0 out of Rs. 1,589 mentioned in the revised estimate for 1927–28 as having been spent on law charges on the ground that the said amount was mis-spent;

(b) whether the scale of fees paid to the vakil who conducted the prosecution on behalf of the council against its ex-manager Doraiswami Ayyar was in accordance with or in excess of the rate specified in the Government Order relating thereto; and

(c) whether any and if so, what steps have been taken to recover from the chairman the excess amount paid by him?

A.—(a) No such resolution has been received by Government.
(b) & (c) These questions do not arise.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"May I ask the hon. Minister to call for the information required?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"What information?"

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"About the resolution of the Municipal Council and the action taken thereon, etc."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir. I will call for it."

Maintenance of the accounts of the Chidambaram Municipality.

*1131-E Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and if so, what action has been taken on their remarks in paragraph 66 of G.O. No. 1560, L. & M., dated 4th April 1928, that the accounts of the Chidambaram Municipality for 1926–27 'were not satisfactorily maintained';

(b) the particular heads to which those remarks apply and the amounts covered by them; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the chairman of the municipal council since nominated as a councillor sent a communication to Government some months ago that the council might be dissolved and if so, the reasons stated by him?

A.—(a) The Government have no information. They await the receipt of the report on the audit of the municipal council's accounts for the current year, 1928–29, as to whether the council has taken any steps to improve the condition of its accounts.

(b) The remarks are based on the general result of audit after a consideration of numerous details dealt with in the course of audit. The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be furnishing these details.

(c) Yes. The reason was stated to be 'to put an end to the high-handed action and the factious spirit of the council'.